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King County, Washington (the "County"), hereby moves this Board pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1117.1 for leave to file a reply to GNP Rly's Reply to Comments Of King County Regarding Petitions Of GNP Rly Inc. filed in this proceeding on December 15, 2010 ("GNP Reply"). The County's proposed Reply to the Reply is submitted herewith. Although the rules governing this proceeding prohibit the filing of a reply to a reply (49 C.F.R. §1104.13(c)), this Board permits parties to a proceeding to file a reply to a reply when that submission "provides a more complete record, clarifies the arguments, will not prejudice any party, and does not unduly

prolong the proceeding. It is within the Board's discretion to permit otherwise impermissible filings..." STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 468X), BNSF Railway Company — Abandonment Exemption — In Kootenai County, ID, slip op., at 1 (Service Date Nov. 27, 2009).

Granting this motion will not broaden the issues raised in this proceeding, because the County seeks only to correct the record as to matters raised in GNP's Reply. Further, GNP has also filed a motion seeking leave to file a reply to the Reply filed by the County on December 15, 2010. Accordingly, granting this motion will not extend the time required for the Board to address the issues raised in this proceeding and will not otherwise prejudice any party hereto or prolong this proceeding.

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I hereby certify that I am providing a copy of the foregoing MOTION OF KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON FOR LEAVE TO FILE A REPLY TO GNP RLY'S REPLY TO COMMENTS OF KING COUNTY REGARDING PETITIONS OF GNP RLY INC. upon the following parties of record by first class mail with postage prepaid and properly addressed:

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